

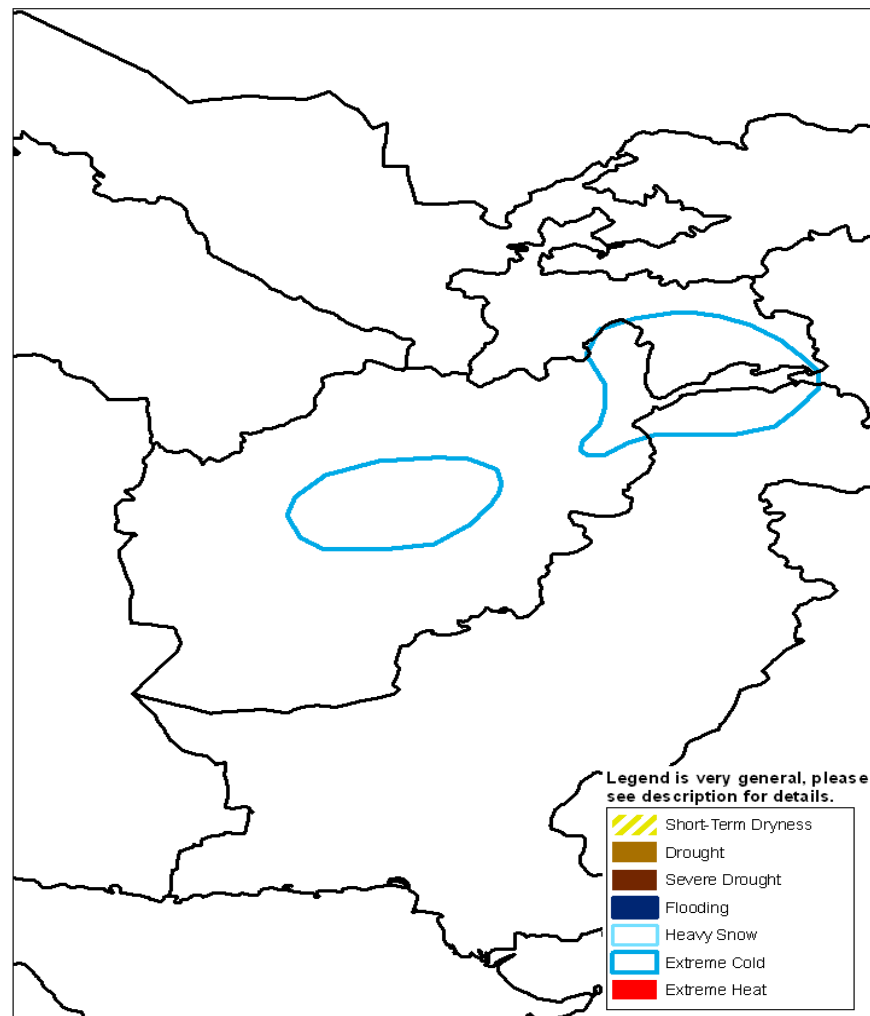
## The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan March 2 - 8, 2011

### **Temperatures:**

During early to mid February, temperatures generally averaged below normal in the central highlands and northeast mountains. Across the lowlands of Afghanistan, temperatures have averaged above normal since the beginning of February. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average below normal across most of Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures are forecast to fall below -20C in the highest elevations of central and northeast Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

Since mid-January, periods of moderate to heavy precipitation have eliminated precipitation deficits and created precipitation surpluses for the winter season. Snow water volume charts from USGS indicate a large increase in water availability across the central highlands and northeast mountains. Early in the outlook period, light to moderate precipitation is expected across eastern and northern Afghanistan with snow at the higher elevations.



**Note: The Hazards assessment map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.**

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